

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 12 public bills, H.R. 3978–3989; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 284–286 and H. Res. 451–452, were introduced. **Pages H4054–55**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed as follows:

Filed on May 27, H. Con. Res. 284, revising the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 1998, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 1999 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003 (H. Rept. 105–555);

H.R. 1704, to amend title 11, United States Code, to protect certain charitable contributions, and for other purposes, amended (H. Rept. 105–441 Part 2);

H.R. 2604, to amend title 11, United States Code, to protect certain charitable contributions, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 105–556);

H.R. 3494, to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to violent sex crimes against children, and for other purposes, amended (H. Rept. 105–557);

H.R. 2888, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to exempt from the minimum wage recordkeeping and overtime compensation requirements certain specialized employees, amended (H. Rept. 105–558);

H.R. 1635, to establish within the United States National Park Service the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom program, amended (H. Rept. 105–559);

H.R. 3520, to adjust the boundaries of the Lake Chelan National Recreation Area and the adjacent Wenatchee National Forest in the State of Washington. (H. Rept. 105–560);

H.R. 3796, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey the administrative site for the Rogue River National Forest and use the proceeds for the construction or improvement of offices and support buildings for the Rogue River National Forest and the Bureau of Land Management (H. Rept. 105–561);

H.R. 3007, to establish the Commission on the Advancement of Women in Science, Engineering, and Technology Development, amended (H. Rept. 105–562);

H. Res. 453, providing for consideration of H.J. Res. 78, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States restoring religious freedom (H. Rept. 105–563);

H. Res. 454, providing for consideration of H. Con. Res. 285, expressing the sense of the Congress that the President of the United States should reconsider his decision to be formally received in Tiananmen Square by the Government of the People's Republic of China (H. Rept. 105–564); and

H. Res. 455, providing for consideration of H. Con. Res. 284, revising the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 1998, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 1999, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003 (H. Rept. 105–565).

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**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Pease to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H3977**

**Journal:** The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Friday, May 22 by yeas and nays vote of 354 yeas to 35 nays, Roll No. 193.

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**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

**Kennedy Center Authorization:** H.R. 3504, amended, to amend the John F. Kennedy Center Act to authorize appropriations for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and to further define the criteria for capital repair and operation and maintenance;

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**Carl D. Pursell Post Office:** H.R. 3808, amended, to designate the United States Post Office located at 47526 Clipper Drive in Plymouth, Michigan, as the "Carl D. Pursell Post Office" (passed by yeas and nays vote of 389 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 194). Agreed to amend the title;

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**Steven Schiff Post Office:** H.R. 3630, amended, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 9719 Candelaria Road NE. in Albuquerque, New Mexico, as the "Steven Schiff Post Office" (passed by a yeas and nays vote of 391 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 195). Agreed to amend the title;

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**Nancy B. Jefferson Post Office Building:** H.R. 2798, to redesignate the building of the United States Postal Service located at 2419 West Monroe Street, in Chicago, Illinois, as the "Nancy B. Jefferson Post Office Building";

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**Reverend Milton R. Brunson Post Office Building:** H.R. 2799, to redesignate the building of the

United States Postal Service located at 324 South Laramie Street, in Chicago, Illinois, as the "Reverend Milton R. Brunson Post Office Building";

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**Religious Liberty and Charitable Donation Protection:** H.R. 2604, to amend title 11, United States Code, to protect certain charitable contributions. Subsequently, the House passed in lieu S. 1244, a similar Senate passed bill—clearing the measure for the President. H.R. 2604 was then laid on the table.

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**Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency Act—Vote Postponed:** The House completed general debate on H.R. 3433, to amend the Social Security Act to establish a ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency Program in the Social Security Administration to provide beneficiaries with disabilities meaningful opportunities to return to work and to extend Medicare coverage for such beneficiaries, and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax credit for impairment-related work expenses. The vote on final passage was postponed until Thursday, June 4.

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H. Res. 450, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a voice vote.

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**Presidential Messages:** Read the following messages from the President:

**Extension of Waiver Authority—China:** Message wherein he transmitted his determination that a twelve month waiver extension of the application of subsections (a) and (b) of section 402 of the Trade Act of 1974 with respect to the People's Republic of China will substantially promote the objectives of section 402—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105–262);

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**Extension of Waiver Authority—Vietnam:** Message wherein he transmitted his determination that a twelve month waiver extension of the application of subsections (a) and (b) of section 402 of the Trade Act of 1974 with respect to Vietnam will substantially promote the objectives of section 402—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105–263); and

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**Extension of Waiver Authority—Belarus:** Message wherein he transmitted his determination that a twelve month waiver extension of the application of subsections (a) and (b) of section 402 of the Trade Act of 1974 with respect to the Republic of Belarus will substantially promote the objectives of section

402—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105–264).

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**Agricultural Research—Order of Business:** Agreed by unanimous consent that it may be in order at any time to consider the conference report to accompany S. 1150, to ensure that federally funded agricultural research, extension, and education address high-priority concerns with national or multistate significance, to reform, extend, and eliminate certain agricultural research programs, and for other purposes; and that all points of order against the conference report and against its consideration be waived (except those arising under section 425 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974).

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 8:30 p.m. and reconvened at 11:55 p.m.

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**Senate Messages:** Message received from the Senate today appears on pages H3977–78.

**Referrals:** S. 1800, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 85 Marconi Boulevard in Columbus, Ohio, as the "Joseph P. Kinneary United States Courthouse"; and S. 2032, to designate the Federal building in Juneau, Alaska, as the "Hurff A. Saunders Federal Building", were both referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H4056–63.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yea and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H4025, H4025–26, and H4026–27. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at 2:00 p.m. and adjourned at 12:01 a.m. on Thursday, June 4.

## Committee Meetings

### SELECTIVE AGRICULTURE EMBARGOES ACT

**Committee on Agriculture:** Subcommittee on Department Operations, Nutrition, and Foreign Agriculture held a hearing on H.R. 3654, Selective Agriculture Embargoes Act of 1998. Testimony was heard from Lon Hatamiya, Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

### DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on National Security met in executive session to begin mark up of the Department of Defense appropriations for fiscal year 1999.

Will continue tomorrow.